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SUBJECT: SENIOR LAO OFFICIAL PROVIDES BACKGROUND TO APRIL
30 REPORTS OF COUP PLOT

REF: (A) VIENTIANE 0547; (B) 77 VIENTIANE 1522
(C) 77 VIENTIANE 1552; (D) 77 VIENTIANE 1501

1. A VERY SENIOR LAO GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL RECENTLY PROVIDED
A WESTERN AMBASSADOR WITH THE FOLLOWING BACKGROUND TO THE
REPORTED SENTENCING OF 49 "COUP PLOTTERS" (REF A).

2. ACCORDING TO THE OFFICIAL, A GROUP OF LAO WERE ARRESTED
IN NOVEMBER IN A VIENTIANE HOUSE. THE GROUP WAS ALLEGEDLY
PLOTING TO SEIZE THE LAO NATIONAL RADIO BROADCASTING
FACILITY IN VIENTIANE AND BROADCAST AN APPEAL TO ALL LAO
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ANTI-GOVERNMENT FORCES TO MOVE ON VIENTIANE.

3. ACCORDING TO THE OFFICIAL, FORMER ANTI-COMMUNIST LAO
LEADERS KONG LE, PHOUMI NOSAVAN AND INPENG SURYADHAY
(ALL NOW IN FRANCE) WERE IN LEAGUE WITH THE PLOTTERS.

4. THE LAO OFFICIAL ALSO REPORTEDLY COMMENTED THAT

ANTI-LPDR ACTIVITY BY THE LAO REFUGEE COMMUNITY IN FRANCE
WAS HURTING FFRENCH-LAO RELATIONS.

5. COMMENT: REF B REPORTED THAT ON NOVEMBER 16 (THE
DAY THAT THE "PLOTTERS" WERE ARRESTED) AN ORDER FOR THE
PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE WAS READ ALOUD AT A VIENTIANE
SEMINAR. IT WARNED OF THE PRESENCE IN AND AROUND VIENTIANE
OF REBEL TEAMS SPAWNED BY AN "OUTLAW GOVERNMENT" COMPOSED
OF VARIOUS FORMER ANTI-COMMUNIST LAO LEADERS INCLUDING
KONG LE AND INPENG SURYADHAY. THE ORDER, WHICH SPOKE OF
THE ARREST, INTERROGATION, AND "SEVERE PUNISHMENT" OF SOME
OF THE REGEL TEAM MEMBERS, PLUS NUMEROUS LATE NOVEMBER
ARRESTS REPORTED IN REF C APPEAR TO SUBSTANTIATE THE
SENIOR LAO OFFICIAL'S STORY.

6. THIS REPORT ALSO APPEARS TO SUPPORT THE BELIEF EXPRESSED
REF A THAT THE "GROUP OF 49" PLOTTERS WAS DISTNCT FROM
THE "GROUP OF 26" PLOTTERS (REF D).
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